

HAVE GRAVE FEARS

Arthur L. Frost's Friends Uneasy About His Safety

STEAMBOAT.

ran Against the Men Who Destroyed

East St. Louis, a member of the Order of Railway Trainmen, called at the

who boarded in East St. Louis on Broadway near the Eads Bridge. Frost was employed

missing since last Saturday night, when he went on a steamboat excursion on the Pau-

s named Mary Kenner on the excursion.
s slon. Thomas and Patrick McGe

Line, and both living in East St. Louis, were also on the excursion.

the parties down in the engine-room, where the fight was resumed it is alleged. In

the excursion, informed Hill, the latter says that he had seen Frost lying on a stretcher

was nothing wrong with him. Fro
has not been at his boarding

Frost used to call to see her once a week. He was at her house last Thursday, which was

The Sign Destroyers.

who were arrested last Sunday morning, charged with defacing signs.

Dennis Connelly, living at 6224 Cheltenham

fore,
BY A LONE COWBOY.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 18.—Train-robbing is no uncommon crime in Texas, and the

they may be frightened, when a band of desperadoes, with faces masked and Winches

lone cowboy has eclipsed all records in train robbing hereabouts. Single-handed, a man

Toyoh is a small station 195 miles from El Paso.

The consideration of reports of standing

Odd Fellows this morning. The routine business was, however, re-

token of the esteem of his friends, and as a memento of his twenty-five years' incumbency of the office of Secretary of the Grand

authorized the Board of Trustees to accept donations of money and land for the location of the building. This Board of Trustees was

P. G. M. Goldman, P. G. M. W. H. Woodward, for a term of one year, D. G. M. R. M. Abercrombie, P. G. M. E. Hoffman, Mrs. Allie

Grand Master and which may awaken strong discussion. The Grand Lodge will probably adjourn to-morrow.

officers elected yesterday, listened to the reports of Committees on Good of the Order.

Mrs. Allie Poundstone of Cartersville, Miss Cora Nack of Salisbury, Mrs. L. U. De Bolt

Officer Varwig Exonerated.

hard citizen and ex-Work-house bird and that the officer acted in self-defense.

Gus Hallis, alias George H. Dally, William

BANK EXAMINERS.

Business Qualifications Alone to Be Considered by Exchels.

REPUBLICANS WHO ARE COMPELLED WILL BE RETAINED IN OFFICE.

A Democrat Who Was Not Reliable Removed From Office—He Accepted Money From a Bank and Made a Report Not Justified by Facts Subsequently Developed—Congressman Wilson Revising the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—The policy of Comptroller Exchels in relation to the bank examiners under his charge has been announced in very plain language. He has removed C. J. Campbell of Alabama and appointed John H. McDonald of the same State in his place. Mr. Campbell's was the first removal under the present administration. He is a Democrat, named during Mr. Cleveland's first term and served through Mr. Harrison's four years.

Mr. McDonald called upon the Comptroller to express thanks and get his instructions. "You owe me no thanks," said Mr. Exchels. "I have appointed you because to the best of my information you are competent, honest and industrious. I removed your predecessor, who is also a life-long Democrat, for three reasons.

"He drank whisky.

"He accepted money from a bank which he had shortly before declared to be in a sound condition.

"He reported as sound a bank which shortly after failed.

"If you are guilty of any or all of these acts you may count upon removal as soon as the facts come to my knowledge. The same is true of any man in the position.

"The failure of the Little Rock bank, which Mr. Campbell had reported sound, cost the people a great deal of money. The sin which was handed to him as he boarded the train, he says, he did not regard as in any way a bribe. While willing to accept his statement as verity, I told him that if he could not appreciate the delicacy of his position in that instance he should not be an examiner. He expressed surprise that he, a Democrat, should have been the first removal under a Democratic administration, and I told him that politics had nothing to do with the case. He protested that I had ruined his future, and while I am sorry for him, I told him that he himself was responsible for that. My duty was plain."

Mr. Exchels was asked yesterday the proper qualifications of a bank examiner. He replied: "The bank examiner should be honest, he should be of good habits, he should be a competent accountant, should be prompt and faithful and should have enough of the detective in him to prevent him from accepting every statement made and every document shown at its face value."

"The men appointed by me to fill vacancies caused from resignation, removal or death will be Democrats. I have no objection to a Democrat being a bank examiner, but I do not believe that a Democrat will be a competent accountant, will be prompt and faithful and will have enough of the detective in him to prevent him from accepting every statement made and every document shown at its face value."

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"When I say that good work will be appreciated I mean it. I am a man of small stature and comfortable habits, with a snow white mustache and good-humored countenance. I am a man of small stature and comfortable habits, with a snow white mustache and good-humored countenance. I am a man of small stature and comfortable habits, with a snow white mustache and good-humored countenance."

The probable successor to William E. Curtis, the Chief of the Bureau of American Republics, is Frank Brooks of the Chicago papers. Mr. Brooks is a man of small stature and comfortable habits, with a snow white mustache and good-humored countenance. I am a man of small stature and comfortable habits, with a snow white mustache and good-humored countenance."

For some time he has been the "special man" for the Chicago Tribune, and was in fashion during the insurance companies. Like most other newspaper men of his age and experience, he has a pretty thorough understanding of South America, as well as of many other things. By members of the profession he is considered thoroughly competent to fill the place.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Representative W. L. Wilson of West Virginia, assisted by an able corps of experts and amateurs, is said to be at work on a tariff bill, which is expected to be ready for presentation to Congress next week. It is reported that this bill will be nearer to the line of the Chicago platform than any now in preparation and will come in with much organized backing.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Of the 308 fourth-class postmasters appointed yesterday, eighty-two were to fill vacancies. The following changes were made in Illinois and Arkansas:

HATFIELD, D. W. C. to Samuel, vice Harry Duff, resigned.
BRICK, Clinton Co., H. Hickman, vice Harry Friend, resigned.
BIRCHINGTON, Bradley Co., T. B. Craig, vice S. W. Gentry, resigned.
BIRCHINGTON, Bradley Co., J. W. Gault, vice F. E. Baumgardner, resigned.
BIRCHINGTON, Bradley Co., N. E. Daniel, vice M. H. Hine, resigned.The following postmasters were appointed for Missouri to-day:
Browning, Linn Co., M. L. Gibson.
Harwood, Vernon Co., D. W. Wilson.
Bridges, Miller Co., J. E. England.
Maywood, Lewis Co., F. E. Saline.
Bellevue, Barry Co., F. N. Reese.

CONSULS APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—The President made the following appointments to-day to M. H. Duff of Arkansas at Winnipeg.
George Horton of Illinois at Athens, Greece.
Frank H. Brooks of Illinois at Trieste.

A BIG BUNCH OF FUGITIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—About 25 employees in the Government printing office have been relieved from duty and granted furloughs. This is the consequence of the usual reduction, which occurs during the Congressional interim.

A DANGEROUS PRESIDENT.

Editor Givens Says He Will Decline a Consular Appointment.

somewhere about this appointment, as he knew nothing of it before seeing it in the Sunday paper.

The impression is that Senator Jones asked for Consular office for Editor Givens without the latter's knowledge, as they are great friends and have known each other for many years. It is said that Senator Jones and both lived for years in Washington. Givens was raised there.

Temmany's First Taste.

New York, May 18.—John F. Walsh, a well-known ship carpenter and a strong Tammany man, has received official notification from President Cleveland announcing his appointment as Assistant Inspector of Vessels for this city. This appointment is the first one that Tammany has received thus far from the present administration.

THE STARR GANG.

This Noted Band of Desperadoes Terrorize a Kansas Town.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 18.—The town of Cedarville, in Chautauque County on the territorial line, is in a state of intense excitement owing to the discovery of the Starr gang of desperadoes camped a few miles south of there. The Starr gang is as bold as the old Dalton band. A posse of men well armed is guarding the town against any possible attack. The gang has become exceedingly bold and is practically ignoring the Kansas officers. Not long since Ed Newcomb, the half-breed Indian, who had for long been the chief lieutenant in his daring and murderous raids, voluntarily surrendered to the authorities and confessed the crimes committed at the time that the famous gang was on the eve of disbanding, but they did not disorganize. It is now believed that these desperadoes were the men who recently robbed passenger trains at Fort and Newcomb, and that they were the men who robbed the bank at Cedarville, Kan., in broad daylight.

Cedarville, Kan., is a small town of about 100 people. It is situated on the main line of the Santa Fe railway. The Starr gang, which is composed of about 100 men, is said to be the most daring and murderous band of desperadoes that has been known in this section of the country for many years. They are said to be the men who robbed the bank at Cedarville, Kan., in broad daylight.

The robbers, while at work, laughingly told the frightened officials and merchants that the Dalton were not all dead. He of a sight, and that they were going to pay the bank the money they had stolen. They then had the nerve to march these ten men out into the yard back of the building, which is in the rear of the town, and locking the rear door of the bank, walked hurriedly out of the front door into the street, and were seen to get into a horse-drawn carriage, which they rode rapidly into the Indian Territory.

A HAIR OF THE DOG.

Supplying This Gets Frank Pyles Into Trouble.

In the United States District Court, the case of Frank Pyles of Iron County, Mo., who was charged with selling liquor without the payment of special tax, was placed on trial. The Government called as its witness a man who testified that he had bought two pints of whisky from Pyles, paying him \$1.00 cents a pint. Pyles, however, denied the charge, and the case was set for trial on May 20.

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DRY GOODS CO.

FOLLOWING LOTS IN

BASEMENT SALESROOM,

All Under Regular Value.

WASH FABRICS AT POPULAR PRICES.

7% CENTS.

Splendid Lot of Printed Lawns, new designs, fast colors, former price, 15c.

5 CENTS.

New Lot Cotton Challies, dark light and medium grounds, Manufacturer's price.

AT 10 CENTS.

Lot of Bombay Organdie Lawns, printed flowers, former price 15c.

12% CENTS.

Splendid Assortment Delhi Cloths.

12% CENTS.

New lot India Pongee, beautifully printed.

15 CENTS.

New Lot Satin Glorias, dark light and medium grounds, resembling very much the French Satins.

15 CENTS.

Grand Lot of Printed Dimity, neat designs in great variety of colorings; well worth 25c.

15 CENTS.

Lot Lawns Lace Striped, Printed, very sheer; reduced from 25c.

20 CENTS.

Lot of Paris Mouseline, dark light and tinted grounds, carried from last season; sold them at 40c. Styles all good.

DRESS GOODS SECTION.

AT POPULAR PRICES.

18 CENTS.

New lot of Half-Wool Plaids, purchased from manufacturer; anxious to close out at our own price.

These goods would be cheap at 35c.

18 CENTS.

Lot of Parallel Cords in all the new shades, this season's goods; reduced from 25c.

25 CENTS.

New lot of Half-Wool Cheviots, in new shades and mingled effects. These goods are well worth 40c.

25 CENTS.

Lot of Half-Wool Cashmeres, Henriettes and Whip-Cords, in all the new shades.

29 CENTS—Lot of Striped Cheviots, would be cheap at 50c.

AT 35, 40 AND 45 CENTS.

Large assortment of Strictly All-Wool Dress Goods, 36 to 40 inches wide, in all the new spring designs, would be considered reasonable at double the price we now ask.

20 CENTS—New lot of Half-Wool Challies.

See Show Window.

Umbrella and Parasol Dept.

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Offer the Following

UMBRELLA BARGAINS.

1,000 Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, in Black and Navy Blue, with Dresden, Silver and Natural Stick Handles.

AT \$1.98 EACH.

regular price, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

500 Ladies' 26-inch S. V. & B. Silk Umbrellas, in Navy Blue, Cardinal, Garnet, Brown and Black, with decorated Dresden and natural stick handles, regular \$5.00 Umbrella.

Price for Friday and Saturday, \$3.95 Each.

Parasol Bargains.

Fancy Coaching Parasols, in all colors, at \$2 each.

Best quality All-silk Surah and Grace Silk Coaching Parasols, in white, cream, black, and all the prevailing tints.

in place effects, at \$3.50 each.

Plain Surah Silk Parasols, in white, cream, black and all the leading shades, with white ribs, stick and decorated Dresden ball handle, at \$3.95 each.

Fancy Coaching Parasols, best quality Gros Grain Silk, with two rows of hemstitching, an entirely new shape, in white, cream, black and all colors, with white ribs and tips, at \$4.95 each.

500 Pair Men's

Genuine Russia Leather

Tan Blucher Bals

and Blucher Oxfords

For \$2.95

Regular Price, \$4.

They Are World-Beaters.

We are Sole Agents for Stacey, Adams & Co.'s Celebrated Men's Fine Shoes

Parrish, 409 N. Broadway.

Open Until 10:30

Saturday Night.

The following marriage licenses were issued to-day:

J. H. Smith, 2804 Missouri av.

John H. Dittler, 1114 S. 4th st.

James V. Vrana, 1318 S. 20th st.

Philip G. Deert, 2008 Broadway

Alexander Ball, 3022 Washington st.

Mary Schmidt, 3022 Washington st.

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FRIDAY BARGAINS.

ATTRACTIVE

Gloves

FOR FRIDAY ONLY.

We will place on sale our entire stock of Nady and Belair Ladies' 4-button and 5-hook \$1.50 fine French Kid Gloves, all colors, every pair warranted and fitted to the hand, on Friday only, for

69c Each.

They must be seen to be appreciated.

50 doz. Children's Pointed Crown Fancy Edge Flats, in all colors, worth 50c; choice at

19c.

A RIBBON BARGAIN

FOR FRIDAY.

1,000 pieces all shades Gros Grain, Satin Edge All-Silk Ribbon, now in great demand, to be sold at the following low prices:

Widths... 5 7 9 12 16

Prices... 5c 7c 9c 12c 16c

Flowers Almost Given Away.

1 lot of Mourning Wreaths, all colors, 1c Each.

1 lot of good Spray Flowers, with Foliage, 5c per Bunch.

We have specially prepared for Friday and Saturday, 1,000 Stylish Trimmed Hats, really worth twice what we ask for them, from \$1.98, \$2.23, \$2.48, \$2.98 up.

Natural

Flowers

AT ONE-THIRD FLORIST PRICES.

Roses... 35c a dozen

Pinks... 20c a dozen

Friday price, 59c

SONNENFELD'S, S.W. Cor. Broadway and St. Charles

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

OR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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Take train to Creve Coeur Lake and see for yourself the advantage as an advertising medium.

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A Nebraska Bank in Trouble.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 18.—The Nebraska Savings Bank is in trouble. For several days past there has been a quiet run on the institution, and to-day it assumed a desperate proportion. The directors were called on for assistance and responded promptly and the bank is confident it will weather the storm. The bank has a capital of \$50,000 and the deposits amount to \$100,000.

Society Epitaphs.

From the Chicago Tribune.

"I want somebody to show me where to unload this coal," said the grimy-looking man at the kitchen door.

"You needn't ask me about it," retorted the young woman. "I don't have anything to do with unloading coal. I'm the kitchen lady."

"Can't help that," he rejoined. "I'm the coal gentleman and the father of three kitchen ladies who insist on having coal cash laid, and if you don't show me where to put this coal I'll call the woman of the hour."

"I'll show you, sir," she humbly replied, leading the way to the coal-house.

Had a Bad Effect.

From the Detroit Free Press.

The oldest driver on the Cass avenue line of street cars has been put in charge of an electric motor car on Woodward avenue.

One of the Cass avenue residents congratulated him on the change.

"Yes," said the driver, with a good-humored laugh, "I've been promoted."

One Caper of a Georgia Cyclone.

From the Madison Advertiser.

The wind sometimes cuts very queer capers. An old colored woman in the upper part of the country owns a large wash-jug, which she claims was turned inside out by a cyclone.

She says the pot was good as new, only the bottom and sides were inside now and the outside was inside then.

A Dead Infant Found.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

OLYMPIC—"The Charity Ball."
FORSY—"The Inside Track."
Weather forecast for 24 hours, beginning
at 8 a. m. to-day: For Missouri—Fair,
warmer; southerly winds.
Generally clear weather prevails through-
out the United States, except in the
Lake region and the Northeastern States,
where cloudy weather and rain still con-
tinue. It is cooler in the latter named section,
and is gradually growing warmer in the West and
Central portion of the country.
St. Louis forecast: Fair; warmer; increasing
cloudiness Friday.

The jury in the Brennan case may be
long reaching a verdict, but there will be
no disagreement.

The interest in the case of Dr. Brennan
is chiefly centered in the choice of his suc-
cessor. That is the important point.

Why doesn't John Bull utilize his
"sound currency" in checking his panics
and bank runs? Is J. B. losing his grip
as a financier?

The only chance Dr. Brennan had to
escape decapitation was to "hang" the
jury, and considering the jury, that was
no chance at all.

The motto of the Congress Department
of the World's Fair is, "Men, not
things." Mr. McAllister and his friends
in the case of the World's Fair.

WABERWICK having disappeared and
Theodore Thomas having been dropped,
some patriotic organ-grinder will doubt-
less come to the rescue of the musical fea-
ture of the Fair.

Gov. McKINLEY is reported as very
much dissatisfied with the Clarkson plat-
form. There does not seem to be a single
Republican leader who is not dissatisfied
with every one but himself.

The Whisky Trust proposes to crush
out independent distributors and monop-
olize the whole whisky business, save re-
tailing. While the Attorney-General pur-
sues a Fabian policy the enemy occupies
all strategic positions.

The anti-smoke campaign is flourishing,
but there is little danger that it will pro-
gress too well. The rapidity and com-
pleteness of its success will be determined
by the number of citizens who give it
financial and moral support.

It is estimated that the war of the rebel-
lion cost the country over \$5,000,000,000
and the annual pension expenditure has
not yet reached its maximum. This is a
good thing for citizens who are spoiling
for a crack navy and another war to pon-
der over.

There would be plenty of money to de-
port the Chinese if every dollar in sight
had not been spent paying bounties, un-
deserved pensions and other plutocratic
extravagances. Those who so earnestly
demand Chinese deportation should make
a note of this.

The Provisional Government of Hawaii
is not strengthening its annexation move-
ment by passing press gag laws. The
American people cannot afford to endorse a
cause that will not bear a free discussion
nor support a government that cannot live
with a free press.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR THOMAS does not
seem to be as big a man as his manager
thought when he refused to let him be
bothered with the "trivial charges" of the
World's Fair management were consider-
ing. The Fair will get along without Mr.
Thomas and there is a fine opening for
an heir director.

There seems to be little, if any, differ-
ence between the methods of ballooning
adopted by the old officers of the Reading
and those of the Cordage Trust kite flyers.
They are both guilty of confidence games
if of nothing worse. A few trials, convic-
tions and long sentences would have a
wholesome effect on the finances of the
country.

It is feared that the gentlemen appointed
to entertain the Infanta Eulalie will be so
conscious of their inferiority of etiquette
that they will appear awkward and ill at

ease in the lady's presence. Then let them
turn the whole thing over to Ward McAl-
lister. He may blunder, but as he hasn't
sense enough to know he will be as un-
conscious and satisfied as the best trained
master of ceremonies. By all means let
Ward boss the show.

THE hostings and gladiators with which
the Tories greet Mr. Gladstone are doubt-
less music to his ears. There is no better
evidence of their fear of his success and no
better aid to that success than the personal
bitterness of the enemies of his home rule
plan. The Grand Old Man is making a
struggle now the brilliancy of which will
hardly be realized until the battle is over.
His energy and adroitness would be re-
markable in a man of any age.

EVANGELICAL BOURBOISISM.

The World's Fair Sunday opening ques-
tion has been somewhat fruitful in sug-
gestive office lessons up to date, but noth-
ing quite so interesting and instructive as
the following "protest" of the Evangelical
Alliance of Boston, adopted at its
meeting on the 15th inst., and forwarded
to Atty-Gen. Olney at Washington:

The Evangelical Alliance of Boston and
vicinity respectfully invokes the aid of the
National Executive to prevent the local di-
rectory of the World's Fair from opening its
gates on Sunday in defiance of an act of Con-
gress granted to the petition representing
40,000 of the best citizens of the country.
The nation rejoiced when President Cleve-
land forbade the proposed Sunday night in-
auguration festivities in the Treasury Build-
ing. The presence of the United States
troops at Fort Sheridan holds the Chicago
Anarchists in check. Cannot the Adminis-
tration notify the directory that those troops
will be promptly used, if necessary, to main-
tain inviolate the national authority and
keep the gates closed on the Lord's Day?

These "Evangelical" Bourbons, "who
learn nothing and forget nothing," evi-
dently belong to the church militant; and
beginning to doubt whether moral suasion
will suffice to keep the Fair closed on Sun-
day, are falling back upon the more reli-
able argument of bullet and bayonet. When
the Founder of the Christian religion de-
clared that "the Sabbath was made for
man, and not man for the Sabbath," did
He authorize the employment of the mili-
tary to defend the contrary doctrine that
"man was made for the Sabbath and not
the Sabbath for man?"

TURN ON THE SEARCH LIGHT.

The investigation of the work of ex-
Pension Attorney Drewry of Norfolk, Va.,
by the Federal Grand-jury has brought out
astounding revelations of fraud. Eleven
indictments have been found against
Drewry and six against ex-Notary Public
Richardson, who assisted him in his
fraudulent schemes.

Among the methods used by these men
to swindle the Pension Department were
forgery, false testimony, and the substi-
tution of invalids for sound veterans, whose
names were attached to the applications, in
the physical examination. The fact that
such frauds could be perpetrated adds con-
vincing proof to the accumulated evidence
of the looseness with which the Pension
Department has been conducted.

If such a string of frauds may be dis-
covered by accident what may not be the
result of a thorough departmental investi-
gation? With greedy sharks on the look-
out for opportunities to swindle and with
loose management, the granting of thou-
sands of pensions and the disbursement of
millions of dollars undoubtedly in-
volves the successful accomplishment of
many and gross frauds. There
can be no doubt that the Treasury
has been robbed of vast sums to enrich
pension sharks and support unworthy pen-
sioners. No changes in the pension laws
are needed to save the country a larger
amount of money. It can be done through
administrative reform and this reform in
the interest of honesty and economy is
one of the good works demanded of the
Cleveland Administration. Let the search
light be turned on the pension list.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Although the report of President Cleve-
land's intention to frame new rules to
govern appointments in the civil service
lacks confirmation, there is nothing im-
probable in it or inconsistent with his
known views on the subject. That a
drastic reform is desirable is admitted by
all but the most hardened spellman.
That it is absolutely necessary is the con-
viction of nearly all who have watched the
degradation of the service through
partisan appointments. Eight years ago
Mr. Cleveland thought there was "some-
thing in" civil service reform and his
experience since the 4th of March has only
deepened his convictions.

It needs no argument to convince a man
whose good sense has not been warped by
long contact with vicious practices that
partisan service is not a good qualification
for public office of a non-political char-
acter. According to the published report of
President Cleveland's purposes the civil
service is to be regulated according to "the
best rules known in the business world,
whereby fitness, moral, intellectual and
physical, will be taken into the ac-
count, but politics never." Nothing
could be more sensible and business-like.
If fitness of this sort is the discriminating
test the civil service of the United States
will be second to none in the world. It
will no longer figure in politics, make life
a burden to executive officers and be the
prize of political victory. Office broker-
age, now the chief business of many
Senators and Congressmen, will be a
thing of the past and legislators
will have to know something
of public questions if they expect to hold
their seats, and time now wasted in fac-
tious fight over the distribution of spoils

will be devoted to questions of real im-
portance. In every respect civil service re-
form as here suggested will be beneficial
to the country and acceptable to the
people.

But it is doubtful if life tenure is a nec-
essary feature of a rational civil service re-
form. In private business the wholesome-
ness of "new blood" is recognized by every
one who has had to do with affairs. Once
assured of life tenure, the incumbent would
be content to do only well enough to hold
his position. He would not be prompted
to do his best. The most efficient
are prone to fall into routine when
relieved of the necessity to keep up to their
own standard. This is true of private
enterprise and would be no less true of
public office. The objections to life tenure
are many and obvious. They will suggest
themselves to those who give the matter a
thought. Efficiency, mental and physical,
is the one supreme test of fitness and
nothing should stand in the way of re-
moving an unfaithful or inefficient officer.

A POLICE PROBLEM.

Fido and the small boy are two great
municipal problems. A policeman, think-
ing he was doing his duty, arrested an 8-
year-old boy for "stoning pedestrians," but
instead of being complimented for his
efficiency the officer was censured by the
Judge. In future, therefore, no policeman
is likely to arrest a boy, however dan-
gerous the urolin may become. The arrest of
so small a creature looks ridiculous, yet
with a stone or a cat-gun the little one
may do a great deal of harm. How is he
to be reached? No policeman has speak-
ing privileges, and there is no mild punish-
ment that he is authorized to administer.
Reporting the infamously offender to its
parents will rather offend them than se-
cure its correction and is not likely to be
resorted to more than once. In a neighbor-
ing city there is a Judge who has solved
this small-boy problem. When a boy is
brought before him, and the case is clear,
he imposes a fine, but remits the fine if the
parents consent to punish the young trans-
gressor. The youngster is then taken into
a room and is punished by the father or
mother, just as if he were at home. This
scheme, although it involves corporal pun-
ishment, has been remarkably successful.
There is no record of a boy having been
arrested a second time, and it has got around
among all the boys that their tender years
will not save them.

TOM CARTER has at last condescended
to explain the Republican defeat of last No-
vember. He says frankly that it all came
of a lack of votes. But as a change of 28,
000 votes distributed over nine States would
have elected Harrison, he thinks the de-
feat was not so very bad after all. There
is something in this view which anything-
to-get-votes Republicans should ponder.
If Mr. Clarkson can identify the 28,000
voters in the nine States and induce them
by promises of office, woman suffrage,
pure elections or any other prize to make
the change, he can go into the next cam-
paign confident of victory. This arith-
metical explanation of political slumps is
a great discovery invaluable to the prac-
tical politician. He need not bother about
principles or programmes. Let him find
the voters who must be changed and ap-
peal to them personally, making each ap-
peal fit the characteristics of the indi-
vidual voter. It is so simple that the won-
der is nobody ever thought of it before.

SECRETARY GREENHAM'S TRIBUTE.

The ability of the Chinese Minister is ap-
parently well merited. That Celestial gen-
tleman is bearing himself with distinguished
judgment and discretion under the trying
circumstances attendant upon the attempt
to enforce the Geary exclusion act. He
has not gone into hysterics or made any
foolish remarks. His advice to the Chinese
to comply with the law as far as possible
and patiently await the action of Congress
is wise. In anticipating that Congress will
not permit undue hardships to be imposed
upon the Chinese residents as contemplated
by the law in its present form he shows a
faith in the sense of justice of the Ameri-
can people which is as creditable to his
good sense as to his tact. Congress cannot
avoid modifying the cruel features of the
law.

THE removal of Curtis and the substitu-
tion of a good man in his place will vastly
improve the Bureau of American Repub-
lics, but it is doubtful if this bureau can
be improved into a department worth its cost.
Its establishment was a part of the politi-
cal fireworks by which Mr. Blaine hoped
to dazzle the American people into the il-
lusion that reciprocity would cure the ills
of protection. It is hard to find the ben-
eficial results of the work of the bureau out-
side of the pockets of Curtis and his
friends, and it is hard to see how returns
on the money put into it are to be realized
under better management. The Demo-
cratic Administration is pledged to help
our trade with the whole world, and has
no use for reciprocity clap-net.

THERE is not much to admire about John
L. Sullivan except his good right arm, and
there are occasions when its inclination
and ability to strike from the shoulder
could be utilized to great advantage. In
yesterday's Post-Dispatch there was an
account of the frightening of a woman and
two children by a combination of fool and
brute who impersonated an officer for the
purpose. In a case of that kind a Sullivan
arm attached to a good man could do
signal public service, and the kind of work
it could do seems to be about the only kind
that meets the demands of such occasions.

THE PAPERS ARE GOSSIPING ABOUT THE

children that have been born in the White
House. It is not, however, a particularly
desirable place of birth. Two children born
in it do not go back there to live when
they are grown. The child born in an ordi-
nary home is the only one who is most likely
to reach the presidential mansion in matu-
rity. Even log-cabin babies get there.

Mrs. MARGARET PARKER of Dundee has
greatly encouraged the World's Fair ladies
by telling them that "one of the grandest
professors of Edinburgh" has just said about
the feminine voice, "It is all nonsense,"
declared the professor, "about a woman not
being able to make herself heard. A woman's
voice is pitched two-thirds higher than a
man's." If we reflect we will see that the
Edinburgh professor has spoken the truth.
There is no occasion for further discourag-
ement as to woman's vocal powers.

THE Parker and I go to the base ball
game. I'm the very happiest crank among them all;
But the burden of my song
Is the Post-Dispatch coupon.
And I swap it ere the evening shadows fall.
There are times when I begin to feel a drop
And despair though my being seem to troop
'Tis when the game's going wrong;
Then I turn to my Post-Dispatch coupon.

THE ladies of the Woman's Congress, in
bringing up the subject of "Our Forgotten
Foremothers," themselves appear to have
forgotten one of the best known of all. Not
a word is said of our good foremother Eve.
This is a single omission, but perhaps the
ladies have been pressed for time in the
preparation of their papers.

THE American missionaries in China have
been cancelling the celestial with can-
celed American postage stamps, but the
Geary law goes into full effect. It is likely
that the canceled stamps will lose some of
their mysterious influence. The safest place
for the missionaries this year is their native
land.

PROF. KOCH may have to work up a better
mark for his lamp, as he has been con-
demned by a court to pay his divorced wife
one-fourth of his income and he is about to
marry a young actress. Double matrimonial
expenses are apt to eat into the purse of
even a successful scientist.

ALAS for Chicago! The new moon hangs
far toward the North, and the lake breezes
chill the Columbian visitors. The rest of May
should be taken up with Dakota days, Min-
nesota days and Manitoba days, and the
Norwegian time might be extended a little.

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From the Springfield Republican.
The Cobden Club of England is said to be
dying, and to be well nigh past hope of re-
suscitation. The New York Tribune says that
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will be a serious matter for it to get through
without this familiar old bun-bun.
Who will there be to lead the country with
British gold in the interest of free trade if
the Cobden Club dies? Or to what can be as-
cribed the advocacy of tariff reform by so
many newspapers if there be no Cobden Club
to subsidize them? The terrible British or-
ganization must not be allowed to die; it is as

necessary to the organ of extreme protection
in the campaign, as taken to an old-fashioned
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THE Professional Politician.
From the Galveston News.
After an old soap peddler sliding through
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The marriage took place at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The sister of the bride, Miss Ann Hitchcock, and Miss Nanny Shepley, sister of the bridegroom, were the only bridesmaids. These young ladies, who are both handsome girls, presented a striking contrast as they led the wedding cortege, waiting together down the center aisle of Christ Church Cathedral, Miss Shepley being a decided brunette and Miss Hitchcock a blonde.

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SON OF TRIUMPHANT LOVE.

Fabio and Valeria Lived Happily in Ferrara Until Musio Came With His Sorcery.

By Ivan Tourgenieff.

There is the middle of the sixteenth century, there lived in Ferrara, that city flourished then under the scepter of those magnificent dukes, the patrons of poetry and arts—two young persons bearing the names of Fabio and Musio. Equal in age, nearly related and almost inseparable, they had been knit together from their tender infancy by the most cordial friendship.

The correspondence of their letters strengthened this bond. They both belonged to ancient houses; they had no longer any relatives living. Their tastes and inclinations were similar. They had the same love for the arts. Musio devoted himself to music; Fabio cultivated painting. All Ferrara was proud of them, and considered them alike the ornament of the court and of the city.

They did not, however, resemble each other in personal appearance, although both were distinguished by the graceful elegance of youth. Fabio, the taller of the two, was blonde, with fair complexion and blue eyes. Musio, on the contrary, was swarthy-visaged, with dark hair, and in his eyes of somber brown was never seen the amiable fire, nor on his lips the joyous smile that characterized Fabio. His thick brows lowered over narrow lids, while the golden brows of Fabio arched in delicate semi-circles on a forehead smooth and pure. Musio, also, was less voluble in conversation. In spite of all this the two friends were equally favored by women, for it was not in vain that they were quoted as models of generosity and chivalric courtesy.

At the same time as they there lived in Ferrara a young girl of the name of Valeria. She passed for one of the beauties of the city, although she was but a child of fifteen. She had a refined, leaving her dwelling only to attend church, or on the occasion of the grand festivals to participate in the public promenades. She lived with her mother, a widow of noble birth, and a family of fortune who had no other children. In all those with whom she came in contact, Valeria inspired a feeling of interest and respect, and she was not without a certain charm of her own. Her charms were a little too pale, and they were wont to say that the look in her eyes, which she never allowed to leave the face of a stranger, was approaching timidity. She rarely smiled, and few had heard her voice, and yet there run the report that that voice was very sweet, and that in the retirement of her chamber, early in the morning, while the city still slept, Valeria loved to sing the melodies of olden times, to the sound of a lute, with which she was wonderfully skilled.

In spite of the pallor of her complexion, this young girl bloomed in vigorous health, and, even to the old men, all who saw her pass could not help saying: "Oh, how happy will be the youth who shall marry her." She was not without a certain charm of her own. Her charms were a little too pale, and they were wont to say that the look in her eyes, which she never allowed to leave the face of a stranger, was approaching timidity. She rarely smiled, and few had heard her voice, and yet there run the report that that voice was very sweet, and that in the retirement of her chamber, early in the morning, while the city still slept, Valeria loved to sing the melodies of olden times, to the sound of a lute, with which she was wonderfully skilled.

Fabio and Musio saw Valeria for the first time at a grand public fête given by order of the Duke of Ferrara, the son of the celebrated Lucrezia Borgia, in honor of certain great nobles just arrived from Paris on the invitation of the duke, the daughter of Louis XII., King of France.

Valeria was seated at a side of her mother, in the middle of a magnificent tribune, erected after the design of Palladio, in the principal square of Ferrara, for the most noble ladies of the city.

On the same day Fabio and Musio both felt desirous to see her. They were not, however, either of them had been accustomed to conceal anything from the other, each of them soon became aware of the other's presence in the heart of his friend. They decided between them to try to approach the young girl, and if she denied them, to depart without making any further attempt. It was later, thanks to the good reputation that they had acquired, that they were enabled to gain admission to the festival. The noble widow, also, was present.

From that moment they were able to see Valeria almost at will. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed.

He finally decided to learn her fate, and sent Valeria a letter, in which he prayed her to declare to which of them she consented to accord her hand. Valeria showed the letter to her mother, and while affirming that she was not averse to remaining unwedded, she added that she would leave the whole matter to the choice of her mother, if she should think it time for her to take a husband. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed. She was not, however, so easily won as they had supposed.

It was not without regret that Fabio separated from the friend of his childhood; but the joyful anticipation of his approaching happiness soon effaced the pain of the separation. He gave himself up entirely to the blissful transports of reciprocal love.

Soon after he espoused Valeria, and it was then for the first time that he came to understand the value of the treasure he had acquired.

He possessed a pretty villa, surrounded by a garden of beautiful trees, a short distance from Ferrara; and there he established himself with his wife and her mother.

Then began for them a life of happiness. Fabio life displayed in a new and charming light the perfection of Valeria. Fabio became a painter of note, almost a master, where he had been a dilettante. Valeria's mother, while witnessing their felicity, continually prayed in gratitude to God.

Four years passed thus rapidly, like a dream. One thing alone was wanting to the happiness of the young pair; they had no children. But hope did not abandon them. At the end of the fourth year they were overwhelmed by a misfortune, this time irreparable one; the widow died after an illness of a few days.

Valeria mourned long. It was hard to reconcile her to her loss. But another year passed, and life again took its accustomed course. It was on a beautiful summer's evening, when Musio reappeared in Ferrara without having announced to any one his arrival.

During the five years that had elapsed since his departure, no one had heard of him. His name even had not been mentioned any more than if he had disappeared from the surface of the earth.

When Fabio met his friend in one of the streets of Ferrara, he could hardly restrain a cry of fright at the sight of joy. He hurried immediately to accompany him to his house in the solitary pavilion stood, a commodious habitation.

Fabio put it at his disposition. Musio accepted with eagerness, and on the morning of the following day he took up his abode in the villa.

The latter was a Malay mute, mute but not deaf; and to his expression, he was a man of more than ordinary acuteness. His tongue had been cut out.

Musio brought with him a number of chests filled with a multitude of precious objects, which he had collected during the course of his long peregrinations.

Valeria received him with a quiet and friendly cheerfulness. It was clearly to be seen that he had kept the promise given to Fabio in the course of the day he installed himself in his pavilion.

Aided by the Malay, he removed from the chests all the rarities that he had brought: Carpets, silk stuffs, garments of velvet and brocade, armlets, enameled vessels, vases, dishes, objects in gold and silver incrustured with pearls and turquoise, chased boxes of amber and ivory, fragments of crystal, spices, perfumes, skins of animals, plumes of unknown birds, and a multitude of objects, the use of which seemed mysterious and inexplicable.

Among the precious things there was a rich necklace of pearls that Musio had received as a present from the Shah of Persia for the secret and important service he had rendered to him. He showed it to Fabio, and spoke of the distant countries that he had seen, the mountains rearing their summits far above the clouds of immense waterless deserts, and of rivers like seas; he spoke of the cities he had visited, and the names of the great monarchs who had reigned there.

Fabio and Valeria listened motionless, as if they had been enchanted. The tale of Musio's travels had changed but slightly. Swarthy from childhood, he had grown more ardent sun; and the eyes seemed lower than formerly. The expression, however, of his face was grave and more concentrated. The countenance did not betray the slightest emotion. He seemed to be in the midst of a great danger, and he had been exposed, the night in the forest where the roar of the tiger was heard, and the day on the solitary path where the traveler is ambushed by fanatics, who strangle him in honor of the animated deity.

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